

EDITORIAL

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affords to represent it in court—men like Chas. E. Hughes, Alton B. Parker, Wickersham, Louis Marshall, Samuel Untermyer and Levi Mayer (of Chicago). Ford has made certain charges against a whole people. The burden of proof is upon him. He must be made to bring forth his evidence to substantiate these charges. If he fails (as fail he must), he must be punished. Even Ford must be made to understand that in this blessed land a character assassin cannot indulge in his pet pastime with impunity. Should it be argued that, because he mentions no names in his wholesale indictment he cannot be hailed into a court of law and made answerable at the bar of justice, then I answer, if that be true, this is not the country I thought it to be and the right assumed in our Constitution to every citizen to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" becomes a meaningless phrase.

My second suggestion is that the Anti-Defamation League petition Congress to make a law that shall forbid under penalty of both imprisonment and fine the spreading of propaganda through the medium of newspapers, pamphlets or books having for its purpose the sowing the seed of discord between the inhabitants of our land. To permit such matter the privilege of the mails is to prostitute that department of our government to vicious and destructive purposes.

I hold that freedom of the press is one thing and desirable, but that press license is quite another thing and to be vigorously condemned. I hold too, that one of the primary functions of democratic government is to promote good will among the people living under its flag and to nip in the bud any attempt on the part of an individual or individuals to stir up animosity or ill will against any element of the population—be that element Catholic, Protestant, Jew, Masonic or what not. This should have been done long ago. It is nothing short of national disgrace that in this land of equality where "a man's a man for a' that" such a spectacle as we are now witnessing should be possible. And we need not attempt this task single-handed. There will be many—not of our faith—who will be glad to assist us in bringing about the desired consummation, for the issue before us is not a Jewish issue. Let us stress that emphatically. What we are trying to kill is not anti-Semitism but something more inclusive than that. We are trying to kill anti-Americanism, for that, in the final analysis, is the crime of which Ford and his ilk stand convicted before God and man.

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